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SUBJECT: THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY STUDENT SITUATION

REF: THESSALONIKI' S 221 AND 222

1. ABOUT 400 STUDENTS OF THESSALONIKI UNIVERSITY' S SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, AND SOME CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENTS, MET YESTERDAY AND AGAIN TODAY, PLEDGING TO CONTINUE CLASS BOYCOTT. OF THESE, ONE FOURTH ARE REPORTED TO HAVE QUIETLY RETURNED TO CLASSES DESPITE PLEDGE (TOTAL SCHOOL POPULATION APPROX 3000.) NO DISTURBANCES AT EITHER MEETING, AND SOME PRO- GOVERNMENT STUDENTS HAVE EXPRESSED PLEASURE TO CONGEN REPORTER THAT POLICY HAVE STOPPED INTERVENING IN GATHERINGS INSIDE SCHOOL BUILDINGS, SINCE THIS DEPRIVES DISSIDENTS OF LIVE ISSUE.

2. STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS' CONGRESS CONTINUED SESSIONS TODAY WITH FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL PROPOSALS DISCUSSED:

A) BERATED PROFESSORS FOR CONTINUED " ARROGANCE" AND " BLACKMAIL" TO PURCHASE THEIR BOOKS. ONE STUDENT ASSERTED TO LOUD CHEERS THAT LIFETIME TENURE FOR PROFESSORS FURTHER CONTRIBUTED TO " ARROGANCE" AND SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

B) ANOTHER STUDENT GROUP CHARGED EDUCATION MINISTRY WITH
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FAILURE TO ENFORCE REGULATION THAT PROFESSORS MUST PREPARE GREEK- LANGUAGE TEXTS WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF APPOINTMENT, THIS RESULTING IN NECESSITY TO USE FOREIGN TEXTS WHICH FEW ABLE TO READ.

C) FIVE STUDENTS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR VIOLENT REACTION TO THOSE PROMOTING CAMPUS DISTURBANCES AND " ANARCHY." MOTION SOUNDLY DEFEATED.

D) AT INTERMISSION PERIOD, WORD WAS CIRCULATED THAT ANTI-GOVERNMENT " ASSOCIATION OF MACEDONIAN AND THRACIAN STUDENTS OF THESSALONIKI" HAD BEEN FORMED BY THREE LEFTIST STUDENTS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ISLAND EXILES. DELEGATES URGED TO JAM MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION, BUT THOSE ATTEMPTING COMPLY UNABLE ENROLL SINCE ASSOCIATION' S OFFICE FAILED TO OPEN AT POSTED HOURS.

E) CONGRESS APPROVED TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES IN UNIVERSITY AFTER SOME DEBATE, BUT URGED UPGRADING AND INCREASING FACILITIES AND LANGUAGE LABS.
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